



STATE OF MICHIGAN
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS
LANSING

May 23, 2022

REVIEW OF NOMINATING PETITION

SHAKIRA HAWKINS
Nonpartisan Candidate for 3rd Circuit Court Judge, Non-Incumbent Position

NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED: 4,000 signatures.

TOTAL FILING: 5,937 signatures.

RESULT OF FACE REVIEW: 5,407 facially valid signatures, 530 invalid signatures.

Total number of signatures filed		5,937
Jurisdiction errors (no city in county known by name given by signer, dual jurisdiction entry, jurisdiction name given by signer does not align with address)	Less:	125
Date errors (no date given by signer, date of birth entered, or date given by signer is later than circulator's date of signing)	Less:	169
Address errors (no street address or rural route given)	Less:	46
Circulator errors (circulator did not sign or date petition, etc.)	Less:	169
Heading errors (incomplete or omitted information in the heading)	Less:	21
TOTAL		5,407

In total, staff's face review of Ms. Hawkins' petitions sheets identified 530 invalid signatures and 5,407 facially valid signatures.

CHALLENGE:

Jeffrey David Hillman filed a challenge against 2,234 signatures submitted by Ms. Hawkins, claiming defects including: (1) signatures from individuals not registered to vote in Michigan; (2) signatures duplicated in the petitions; (3) signatures with invalid dates on the signature line; (4) petition sheets where the circulator's certificate omitted the date; (5) signatures omitted required elements of the signatory's address, such as the signer's city or township or street address; (6) petition headers contained an incorrect office; (7) signatures dated after the date of the circulator's signature on the circulator certificate; and (8) signatory addresses outside of the jurisdiction listed.

Staff determined that 437 of the challenged signatures had already been found invalid during face review and began processing the remaining challenged signatures because the 1,797 remaining challenged signatures exceeded Ms. Hawkins' 1,407 "cushion" of excess signatures.

Following the review of 1,558 of the challenged signatures, staff accepted 1,122 and rejected 487 of the challenges; staff also identified additional invalid signatures that were not challenged, and made the following additional determinations:

Total number of signatures filed		5,937
Not registered	<i>Less:</i>	797
Duplicate signatures (signatures where the voter had two or more valid signatures)	<i>Less:</i>	320
Jurisdiction errors (no city in county known by name given by signer, dual jurisdiction entry, jurisdiction name given by signer does not align with address)	<i>Less:</i>	125
Date errors (no date given by signer, date of birth entered, or date given by signer is later than circulator's date of signing)	<i>Less:</i>	169
Address errors (no street address or rural route given)	<i>Less:</i>	46
Circulator errors (circulator did not sign or date petition, etc.)	<i>Less:</i>	169
Heading errors (incomplete or omitted information in the heading)	<i>Less:</i>	21
Signature errors (no signature or incomplete signature)	<i>Less:</i>	33
Miscellaneous errors (mandatory elements cut off or omitted; signatures of dubious authenticity where the petition signature does not match the signature on file or multiple signatures appear to have been written by the same individual, etc.)	<i>Less:</i>	267
TOTAL FACIALLY VALID AND REGISTERED VOTERS		3,990

After finishing processing the challenge, staff determined there were a total of 1,417 signatures rejected (including the 1,122 accepted challenges and additional invalid signatures staff identified). Staff did not process 188 of the remaining challenges because their outcome was unnecessary to determine whether Ms. Hawkins was eligible to qualify for the ballot. Ms. Hawkins in her response did not attempt to rehabilitate any signatures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Determine petition insufficient.